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PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR ELLSWORTH BUNKER FROM AMBASSADOR
CAROL C. LAISE

1. HERewith FULL TEXT EDITORIAL COLUMN TUESDAY, MAY 14
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR HEADLINED "SPLENDID AT EIGHTY."

2. WE DO NOT OFTEN CALL ATTENTION TO BIRTHDAYS. BUT THE
80TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELLSWORTH BUNKER GIVES PAUSE FOR REFLEC-
TION. AT A TIME WHEN MEN OF GREATER OFFICE AND FEWER YEARS
ARE MIRED IN THE TRAGEDY OF SCANDAL, AND WHEN MANY AMERICANS
WRESTLE WITH A DEEP SENSE OF INDIGNATION AT MORAL TURPITUDE
IN HIGH OFFICE, IT BEARS REMINDING THAT THERE ARE PUBLIC
SERVANTS OF CONSUMMATE INTEGRITY, COURAGE, AND GRACE.

3. YOUTHFUL AMBASSADOR BUNKER, NOW ACCOMPANYING SECRE-
TARY KISSINGER ON AN ARDUOUS MISSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IS
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SUCH A MAN. THIS COURTLY, DIGNIFIED DIPLOMAT, WITH A MERRY

TWINKLE OF HUMOR IN HIS EYE, HAS LEFT HIS HEALING IMPRINT
IN MANY PARTS OF THE GLOBE--INDONESIA, VIETNAM, PANAMA, THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. HE DESERVES THE GRATITUDE AND BEST
WISHES OF HIS COUNTRYMEN, AND WE ECHO DR. KISSINGER'S
PRAISE OF HIM AT A PRIVATE PARTY IN JERUSALEM WHEN HE SAID
IN EFFECT: HE REPRESENTS THE BEST OF AMERICA. HE DOES NOT

WORK FOR WHAT HE CAN BE BUT FOR WHAT HE CAN DO FOR HIS
COUNTRY. HE HAS INSPIRED US AND HELPED US. WE HOPE HE
WILL CELEBRATE HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY ON A VERY IMPORTANT MIS-
SION. END TEXT RUSH

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